



Safer Spaces for All Act

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The Safer Spaces for All Act would amend the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) so at-risk nonprofit institutions can better protect their visitors as well as help ensure that all Americans can visit their places of worship, schools, and community centers freely and without fear.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) NSGP provides at-risk nonprofit organizations – like synagogues, mosques, places of gathering, schools, and community centers and other places of gathering – with critical resources to bolster their security amid heightened risk of attack. The program is particularly important to faith-based organizations that are facing a troubling rise in prejudice and animosity.

The NSGP Improvement Act of 2022 expanded the eligible uses of NSGP funds to include payments to contracted security personnel and administrative expenses. However, grantees currently cannot use NSGP funds to pay *permanent* salaried security employees, or hire personnel to apply for NSGP funds. For organizations in remote areas, it can be logistically difficult to reliably find enough private security vendors or off-duty law enforcement to hire for their level of security needed. This bill would help the NSGP accomplish its intended goal to keep at-risk organizations safe by further expanding eligible uses of NSGP funds.

This bill would allow NSGP funds to be used to:

- Hire permanent onsite security personnel;
- Hire off-duty police officers; and
- Hire personnel to apply for NSGP funding (capped at 5% of total grant) so that applying organizations do not have to rely solely on volunteers.